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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Thomas *et al.*Application No.: ~~08/834,497~~ ^{09/492,957}

Group Art Unit: 1644

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Examiner: M. Tung

For: HEREDITARY HEMOCHROMATOSIS
GENE PRODUCTS

Attorney Docket No.: 8907-087-99

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have considered the Office Action dated July 16, 2001, and request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith (1) an Exhibit A, presenting the claims as pending after entry of this Amendment; (2) an Exhibit B, presenting marked-up copies of the replacement paragraphs for the Specification; (3) a Fee Calculation Sheet; and (4) a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) extending the period for response by three months, up to and including January 16, 2002, accompanied by the appropriate fee.

AMENDMENTIN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the title of the invention and replace it with the following:

--PLASMIDS COMPRISING NUCLEIC ACIDS FROM THE HEREDITARY
HEMOCHROMATOSIS GENE--

04/17/2002 GDUCKETT 00000001 16.1136 09/492,957 Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 4 of the Specification and

02 FC:102 replace with the following paragraph:
03 FC:103 720.00 CH

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